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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF PRINCIPAL DECISIONS AT NATO
SUMMIT

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO
NATO SUMMIT MEETING HELD IN LONDON ON MAY 10, AND
ALLIED REACTION THERETO. THIS MATERIAL IS FOR USE IN
PREPARATION FOR FORTHCOMING TRIP BY VICE PRESIDENT.

2. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT THE AMERICAN COMMIT-
MENT TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS AT THE HEART OF OUR
COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE. AT THE MEETING OF
THE LEADERS OF THE NATO GOVERNMENTS HE REAFFIRMED THAT
COMMITMENT, STATING THAT THE U.S. WOULD JOIN ITS PART-
NERS IN STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE POLITICALLY, ECONO-
MICALLY AND MILITARILY. HE PLEDGED THAT THE U.S. WOULD
SHARE WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ITS VIEWS AND IN-
TENTIONS ABOUT THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE
ALLIANCE.

3. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED

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THE EXISTING NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FOR-
WARD DEFENSE AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
POWERFUL FORCES TO HELP FULFILL THIS STRATEGY. THE U.S.
WILL MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC DETERRENT, KEEP
DIVERSE AND MODERN THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE, AND
MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE U.S. CONVENTIONAL FORCES BASED IN
EUROPE.

4. NOTING THAT THE WARSAW PACT'S MILITARY BUILDUP IS CONTINUING, THE PRESIDENT URGED THAT NATO'S NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM BE MORE EFFECTIVELY MESHED, THAT BETTER WAYS BE FOUND TO UTILIZE HIGH TECHNOLOGY FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES, AND THAT THE ALLIANCE GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO INCREASING THE READINESS OF ALLIANCE FORCES.

5. TO THIS END, THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT THE NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS BEGIN DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM -- TO ADDRESS HARD CHOICES, TO ORDER PRIORITIES, AND TO EMPHASIZE GREATER ALLIANCE COOPERATION TO ENSURE THAT ITS COMBINED RESOURCES ARE USED MOST EFFECTIVELY-- AND THAT NATO'S MACHINERY FOR MONITORING AND PROMOTING PROGRESS ON AGREED PROGRAMS BE STRENGTHENED. THESE IDEAS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE ALLIED LEADERS. RELEVANT NATO COMMUNIQUE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"LEADERS OF STATES TAKING PART IN THE INTEGRATED DEFENSE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE REQUESTED THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS TO INITIATE AND DEVELOP A LONG-TERM PROGRAM TO ENABLE NATO FORCES TO MEET THE CHANGING DEFENSE NEEDS OF THE 1980'S AND TO REVIEW THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ALLIANCE IMPLEMENTS ITS DEFENSE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE MORE EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH." THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL BE MAKING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO A MEETING OF NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 14.

6. THE PRESIDENT ALSO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE ALLIES COULD IMPROVE COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION, AND PROCUREMENT OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. HE NOTED THAT THREE ACTIONS ARE SPECIFICALLY NECESSARY:

-- THE U.S. MUST BE WILLING TO USE MORE EUROPEAN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD ASK THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AND THAT HE INTENDED TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO ACHIEVE THIS.

THE EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL HAVE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR COMBINED DEFENSE PRODUCTION BASE IN ORDER TO ENLARGE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TWO-WAY TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAFFIC IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED THE INITIAL MOVES THAT THE ALLIES HAD MADE IN THIS DIRECTION.

-- THE EUROPEANS ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ON THE OTHER, SHOULD JOIN IN EXPLOR-

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ING WAYS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF DE-
FENSE EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT
THE U.S. WAS READY TO DO THIS IN THE WAY AND AT THE
PACE THAT THE ALLIES WISHED. RELEVANT NATO COMMUNIQUE
TEXT:

"THE ALLIES ARE DETERMINED TO COOPERATE CLOSELY
IN ALL ASPECTS OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION. THEIR AIMS ARE
TO ACHIEVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE RE-
SOURCES AND TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE STRONG INDUS-
TRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL
FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE AND TO DEVELOP A MORE
BALANCED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA
IN THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THE MEANS OF
DEEPENING THIS COOPERATION SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN APPRO-
PRIATE FORA." ALTHOUGH THE EUROPEAN ALLIES NATURALLY
WISH TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NASCENT COOPERATION IN THIS
FIELD (IN THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP). THIS SHOULD BE
COMPATIBLE WITH DEVELOPING STRONGER TRANS-ATLANTIC CO-
OPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

7. THE PRESIDENT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC
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COUNCIL EXAMINE LONG RANGE PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO MAKE CONSULTATION MORE EFFECTIVE. HE PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL ASSESS FUTURE TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION, IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND ANALYZE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE TRENDS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THIS WAS ACCEPTED. RELEVANT NATO COMMUNIQUE TEXT:

"... THE ALLIED LEADERS REQUESTED THE COUNCIL IN PERMANENT SESSION TO MAKE A FRESH STUDY OF LONG TERM TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND TO ASSESS THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE." THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE A STEP TOWARDS RESTORING A WESTERN CONSENSUS ON LONG-TERM POLICIES TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE AND ON THE ROLE OF THE ALLIANCE IN THESE POLICIES.

8. IN SUM, THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE NATO SUMMIT WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES RELY. THE LONDON MEETING MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PROGRAM TO ADAPT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, BOTH MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY, TO THE EMERGING NEEDS OF THE NEXT DECADE. THE FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THESE SUMMIT DECISIONS SHOULD BE IMPORTANT BUSINESS FOR THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD.

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